

WILTSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

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Wiltshire Police Performance – County Division

Wiltshire County Division has maintained good performance in reducing crime and securing detections. It is in top quartile position for key crime categories in comparison to its most similar policing divisions. Latest iQuanta comparative positions and differences for key crime types in the last twelve months, January to December 2009, are given below.

The Division is achieving top quartile position for the majority of crime categories over the last year. Good performance includes a 3% reduction in violent crime and 1st place position for violent crime detections, a 10% reduction in serious acquisitive crime (1st place), within which vehicle crime has fallen by 17% (1st place), and 7% reduction in criminal damage.

There are some areas where performance can be improved and where the County Division is giving priority. These include some crime detection rates which are in part influenced by seasonal detection trends. A higher volume of domestic burglaries this year is attributable to increases seen during quarter three. Final quarter activity is underway to ensure year end targets are achieved in these areas and this will be monitored closely by the Police Authority.

<u>Priority Crime Types</u>	MSBCU Rank (out of 15)*	Comparison to Jan – Dec 2008
Violent Crime	2 nd (2 nd)	-3% (134 fewer crimes)
Violent Crime Detections	1 st (1 st)	-5% (147 fewer detections)
Serious Acquisitive Crime	1 st	-10% (329 fewer crimes)
Serious Acquisitive Crime Detections	3 rd	-12% (61 fewer detections)
- Vehicle Crime	1 st (2 nd)	-17% (389 fewer crimes)
- Vehicle Crime Detections	3 rd (1 st)	-31% (99 fewer detections)
- Domestic Burglary	4 th (2 nd)	+7% (63 more crimes)
- Domestic Burglary Detections	3 rd (7 th)	+27% (43 more detections)
- Robbery	2 nd	-3% (3 fewer crimes)
- Robbery Detections	5 th	-16% (5 fewer detections)
Criminal Damage	3 rd	-7% (435 fewer crimes)

All Crime	2 nd (1 st)	-3% (732 fewer crimes)
Overall Sanction Detections	2 nd (1 st)	+1% (65 more detections)

*iQuanta position in December 2008 shown in brackets where available

User Satisfaction (Victims of Crime)

Comparison with Most Similar BCU's – 12 months ending 30th Sept 2009			
Measure	Wiltshire % Satisfied	MSBCU Av. % Satisfied.	Wiltshire County BCU Position (Out of 15)
KDI 1a Ease of Contacting the Police	91.0%	93.6%	13th - no change
KDI 1b Actions taken by the Police	81.5%	82.7%	10th - down from 9th
KDI 1c Follow up / Keeping victim Informed (Target 71%)	72.8%	73.7%	8th - up from 9th
KDI 1d Treatment by the Police	91.9%	94.0%	15th - down from 14th
SPI 1.1 Overall experience of the Police (Target 83%)	84.6%	85.2%	9th - up from 11th

Latest Wiltshire County Performance Oct – Dec 2009 (BCU Comparison N/A)	
Measure	Wiltshire % Satisfied
KDI 1a Ease of Contacting the Police	95.3%
KDI 1b Actions taken by the Police	80.1%
KDI 1c Follow up / Keeping victim Informed (Target 71%)	70.7%
KDI 1d Treatment by the Police	92.2%
SPI 1.1 Overall experience of the Police (Target 83%)	84.8%

Key
Achieving/Beating Our Target or MSBCU Average
Close To Our Target or MSBCU Average
Under Our Target or MSBCU Average

NPT Abstraction Rates

The Policing Pledge sets a target of a minimum of **80%** for the time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. County Division has consistently achieved this target since April 2009 and the figures for December meet the target once again:

- **Community Beat Managers – 87.4%** (Ave monthly performance April - Dec 85%)
- **PCSO's – 92%** (Ave monthly performance April - Dec 92%)

OTHER WPA NEWS

Assessment of Neighbourhood Engagement by Neighbourhood Policing Teams

WPA will this month be contacting community leaders, including all Councillors, with regard to the assessment of neighbourhood policing in community areas. The assessment will be conducted via a questionnaire to which community leaders will be invited to respond. If Councillors have any queries on the assessment or questionnaire, they are asked to contact the Secretariat on 01308 734022, or via email (police.authority@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk).

Budget 2010

WPA will be considering the budget for 2010-11 at its meeting on 11th February 2010. The Chief Constable is recommending a budget of £108.398m which represents a precept increase of 3.4% (£157.77 for Band D properties). The relevant papers are available on the public meetings section of the Authority's website (www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk).

PCSO Powers

At a recent meeting WPA Members considered on Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Powers. A copy of the paper can be found on the public meetings section of the Authority's website. The paper lists the current powers that are delegated to Wiltshire PCSOs which include:

- Power to issue Fixed Penalty Notice for littering, cycling on a footpath and offences under dog control orders.
- Power to issue Penalty Notices for Disorder for specified offences. (Excluding S.5 Power Of Arrest, Drunk in Highway, Drunk & Disorderly)
- Powers of a constable relating to alcohol consumption in public places
- Powers of a constable relating to the confiscation of alcohol
- Power to seize anything that a constable in uniform has a duty to seize under the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (seizure of tobacco etc. from young persons), and to dispose of same
- Power to seize drugs and require name and address for possession of drugs under Police Reform Act 2002
- Power to remove abandoned vehicles
- Power to disperse groups and remove young persons to place of residence

Councillors may find this informative.

Police Authority Meetings

11th February 2010

10th June 2010

16th September 2010

2nd December 2010

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